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THE ELBA CLIPPER • THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1998

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Last week would have been the better time to remind our readers about recycling. With all the Christmas packaging in virtually every home in Elba, the total counts up fast. If all homeowners will carry their cardboard boxes, newspapers, cans and plastics down behind the old high school, it will be a big boost to the Elba recycling effort. The savings is on multiple fronts: it saves the costs of dumping at the landfill, it adds money to the operating fund of the city when they sell the materials to the recycling firm. Of course there is the flag-waving incentive of helping preserve the planet for our grandchildren and their grandchildren.

This week is a time for reflecting on the past year. We can say, with humility, that 1998 has been a good year for us...considering everything. Sure we suffered from the March flood. Sure we got mad at the flooding and when things didn't go exactly as we thought they should following the flood. But that is life. The important thing is that we survived and are paying our bills (most of them anyway). Elba is rebounding from a stronger foundation, etc. It is our firm belief that the community is to a steady movement upward, on whatever scale you choose to use as a measurement. Let's help it progress and savor every minute of it!

Happy New Year and be careful. We all made it through Christmas and now we need to concentrate on our actions while celebrating the birth of a new year. We want you to stay around and enjoy life with us!



OATH OF OFFICE. On Wednesday afternoon, December 23, 1998, newly elected State Representative Terry Spicer (right) was administered the oath by Circuit Judge Thomas Head. The swearing-in ceremony was held in the office of attorney Jackson W. "Bill" Stokes, who is the Chairman of the Coffee County Democratic Party. Spicer, who will represent District 91, said that two key things he is interested in at this time are our education system and transportation system. Spicer told those present for the occasion: "The next four years are going to be a very big time for our county and state. I'm looking forward to being involved in that." The first regular session of the state legislature will begin in March.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of December 22, 1998, through December 28, 1998. They were: Ollie Hussay, Belinda Nelson, Judy King, Margaret Simmons, Shannon Hammonds, Cecil Adkins, Jason Mitchell, Evelyn Manning, Brandon Speed, Mike Brunson, Norman Stellner, Lucy Lanier, Minnie Davis, Lawrence Silar, and William Parikh.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: James G. Clark, Judy King, Ollie Hussey, Jason Mitchell, Margaret Simmons, and Norman Stellner.

Area Happenings

CITY OF ELBA CLOSED. The City of Elba offices will be closed for the New Year's Day holiday. Stand-by crews will be on duty for emergencies involving street, sewer, electrical or water problems. Such emergencies can be reported by calling the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage collection will be as follows: Elba's route unchanged, Thursday's route unchanged, Wednesday's route unchanged, Thursday's route unchanged, and Friday's route will be picked up on Saturday by the city's new contractor MDI.

TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON CLOSED. The offices in New Brockton's Town Hall will be closed on the following dates in observance of the holiday season: Thursday and Friday, December 31, 1998, and January 1, 1999. The garbage collection will not be changed, and emergency services will be made available by calling 894-5559.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING. The New Brockton Town Council will meet Monday, January 4, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

COUNTY BOE MEETING. The Coffee County Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 7, 1999.

ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET. The Elba Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba High School Cafeteria. Guest speaker will be Mark Robbins from Montgomery, AL, and special entertainment has been scheduled.

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County Commission holds final meeting in 1998

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission held its final meeting of the year on Monday and dished out a little money while doing so. Commissioners also tied up some loose ends from the previous meeting.

District Attorney Mark Fuller appeared before the commission with a request that it assist the Coffee County Public Building Authority (CCPBA) in paving a rear parking lot at the new facility to extend just to the rear of the building.

Fuller pointed out to the commission that the remaining parking area which includes the area around the District Attorney's office was in need of repaving too. He noted that a considerable portion of the area

was dug up in order to tie the new facility into the city's sewage system. It was noted that several places in the pavement were eroding and had become undermined, posing a potentially dangerous situation.

The district attorney stated that he had approached Dr. Bruce Donaldson, president of the CCPBA, about the problem and was told that the authority did not have the funds to do the complete parking lot; however, Engineer Lindell told commissioners that if the work was approved, he would check into obtaining some assistance in funding the project.

Sheriff Ben Meades addressed the commissioners briefly concerning a compact car that was damaged in a deer collision last Sunday morning. He told commissioners that an early estimate for repairing the 1995 Chevrolet Caprice was between \$6,000 and \$6,500 and he needed some guidance as to whether to have it repaired or replace it with a recommended vehicle at a possible cost of \$12,000 plus.

After discussing the D.A.'s request for several minutes, the commission voted to support the motion by Commissioner Tom Grimes that an appropriation of \$10,000.00 be made to the Building Authority to fund the paving of the complete rear parking area at the new courthouse.

Commissioner Robert Stephens offered an amendment to the motion which would allow the paving of the parking area around the Elba Courthouse. He noted that it had

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, December 21, 1998, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, one theft of property, one assault, one running stop sign, four harassments, one DUI, one negotiation of a worthless instrument, and one harassing communication.

The following arrest was made during the week: one for negotiation of a worthless instrument. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driving without driver's license, three for speeding, one for running a stop sign and one for DUI.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 - Wreck reported on Taylor Mill Road (3:26 a.m.); Rescue squad dispatched to a residence on Elm Avenue (3:30 a.m.); River stage - 4.6 feet (6:26 a.m.).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 - River stage - 4.70 feet (6:54 a.m.); Wreck reported on Old Samson Road (8:09 p.m.); Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 189S (9:02 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on AL Hwy. 189S (9:09 p.m.).

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 - Alarm at a residence on Old Samson Road (6:59 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Taylor Mill Road (5:39 p.m.); Fight at Elba Villas (9:10 p.m.); Wreck reported on Old Samson Road (11:00 p.m.); Fire department made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Jackson's Hospital in Montgomery (8:11 p.m.).

SANTA CLAUS VISITS NURSING HOME... The phrase "in a one-horse open sleigh" took on a new meaning with a slight variation when Santa's helper (Dr. Lance K. Dyess) paid a visit to the residents of Elba Nursing Home last week. Santa came bearing gifts and taking last minute orders arriving in a one-horse drawn carriage on loan from Bobby Boutwell. Pictured above is Santa as he arrived for his visit.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 - River stage - 4.21 feet (6:16 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Jackson Street (2:08 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Reese Avenue (2:17 p.m.); Alarm at Skinner Furniture (3:14 p.m.); Wreck reported at the old Hobo Station (8:16 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23 - River stage - 4.16 (6:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Friendship Center (1:12 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Street (1:49 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 - Rescue squad dispatched to a residence on Lee Street (12:31 a.m.); River stage - 4.11 feet (6:21 a.m.); Wreck reported on S. Hwy. 84W (10:12 a.m.); Wreck reported at the Dairy Queen (12:26 p.m.); Alarm at CarQuest (7:49 p.m.).

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 - Disturbances reported at Burch's

BULLETIN BOARD

SOCIAL SECURITY REP. - Come to the Elba Library, 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1113

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ELBA MATERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

ELBA LIBRARY - 1st, 2nd & 4th Monday 4 p.m.-City Hall

WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday 6 p.m. - Elba City Hall, Room in Farmers Center Complex @ New Brockton

LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office

AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thur. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Hwy. 70 Hwy.

RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7 p.m. Reddy St. Fire Dept.

MASSON LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.

BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Hobo Station Hall, Hobo

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5492

COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Clubhouse

COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon- Colony Inn, Enterprise

AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room

AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month 7 p.m.

CITY PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays -

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Best wishes to you and yours for another year that's filled with health and happiness.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would like to use this means to ask for prayer from your readers. Three years ago I had a heart attack that led to 5-bypass surgery and other heart conditions. The Lord has let me live these three years but now I have some of the same problems — the arteries are blocked again and diseased, and my heart is irregular.

The cardiac surgeons in Dothan don't have an answer for me, but my cardiologist has contacted a doctor in Birmingham who has agreed to do this second surgery, although he says the survival rate is low.

This has been a hard decision to make and is very scary. But all of my family and friends are praying with me, along with my pastor and church, Mt. Olive Assembly of God in Brundidge; and I just felt that it would be good to have more prayers from people and churches around my community.

I must be at University Hospital in Birmingham Jan. 4, with surgery scheduled for Jan. 5.

I will so appreciate your love and prayers, and any response from anyone. I have faith in our Lord and Jesus Christ and my own hinderer, Him. Praise Him in the Name of Jesus, and I ask God in Jesus' Name for His help and peace of mind and heart.

I am a Christian and love Jesus, and ask that all of you please pray with me, and may God's Word be done.

Thank you.

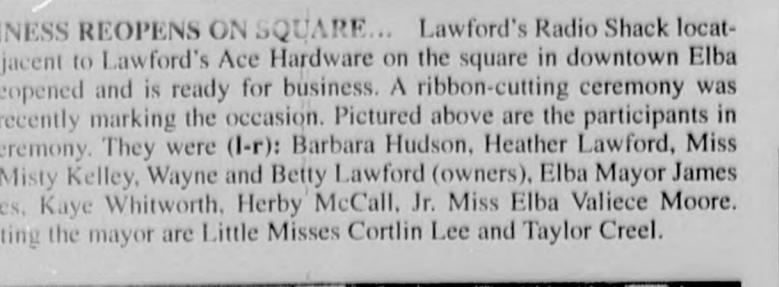
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EXPRESS
YOUR VIEWS
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GRAND OPENING... Riverside Market recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially announce its opening. The new grocery/meat market has opened in the old Whitman Drug building in downtown Elba. Those taking part in the ceremony are pictured above. They were (l-r): Ricky Bryan, New, Barbara Hudson, Heather Lawford, Miss Elba Misty Kelley, Wayne and Betty Lawford (owners), Elba Mayor James Grimes, Kaye Whitworth, Chris Thigpen, Jr. Miss Elba Valerie Moore, Q. P. Hudson, and Herby McCall. Assisting Mayor Grimes with the ribbon cutting are Little Misses Corlin Lee and Taylor Cred.

Alabama Department of Public Health delays lab closings

The Ala. Dept. of Public Health has delayed any final decision on the closing of its division laboratories in Decatur and Dothan until April 1999. The agency will still open the department, working with members of the local legislature to develop a proposal involving "expansion and duplication" of the capabilities unavailable in the private sector, such as testing for trichomoniasis.

The existing Health Department system provides private laboratories with reference services. The five state laboratories institute new testing procedures and provide data to other agencies to ensure safe milk and the quality of drinking water through municipal water systems and private water supplies.

Two-year colleges do not receive many funds from the taxpayers for bigger enrollments. The notion that non-permanent sites away from two-year college campuses in all sectors. In order for those colleges to continue to be accredited, the State Board of Education must demonstrate that it is the sole, ultimate governing authority for two-year colleges, and that it protects its colleges from micro-managing external entities.

The issue at hand is much greater than a "feud" between government agencies. Its implications are much more profound than "expansion" and "duplication." The issue is the role of people in determining what goes on in two-year colleges. At stake is the ability of the sovereign people of Alabama to elect those who govern the state's two-year colleges. At stake is the authority of those elected by the sovereign people of Alabama to govern the state's two-year colleges as "...very limited in its scope and authority."

The issue is not "off-campus" instruction. The operation of non-permanent instructional sites away from the two-year college campuses is inherent in the mission of two-year colleges. These sites exist to serve the special needs of businesses, industries and the communities in which they are located. It is essential that this be done.

Eighty percent of new jobs available over the next decade will require a minimum of two years of postsecondary education. Seventy-five percent of those working today will still be in the labor force during that time, and will require continuous higher level training. Taking postsecondary training to the people who need it at locations convenient to them is one of the keys to Alabama's economic future.

LIFESTYLES



New Year's Recipes

Sandra Coffey
County Extension Coordinator

Here is a menu that features all the favorites of the New Year's tradition - ham, blackeyed peas, turnip greens and cornbread.

You may want to reduce the fat in some of these recipes.

BAKED HAM SLICE

1 (3-1/2 - 4 lb.) ham slice, about 2 inches thick
1/2 cup apple juice or cider
1/4 cup maple-flavored syrup
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. dry mustard
Dash of ground cloves

Place ham slice in a 12x8x2 inch baking dish; cover with remaining ingredients, and pour over ham slice. Cover and bake at 350 for 45-50 minutes or until tender. Serve with drippings if desired. 8 servings

SAUCY TURNIP GREENS

2 pounds fresh turnip greens with roots
3 cups water
1/2 cup onion
1/2 tsp. salt
3 slices bacon
1 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
3/4 tsp. sugar

Pick and wash greens. Peel roots, cut in half. Combine greens, roots, water, and salt in a large Dutch oven and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer one hour or until greens and roots are tender. Drain, reserving 1 cup liquid and set aside.

Cook bacon in a skillet until crisp; remove bacon, reserving drippings in skillet. Crumble bacon and set aside. Sauté onion in drippings and add to greens in the pot. Add 1/2 cup liquid and set aside.

Cook bacon in a skillet until crisp; remove bacon, reserving drippings in skillet. Crumble bacon and set aside. Sauté onion in drippings and add to greens in the pot.

Dissolve flour and sugar in vinegar-salt in reserved cooking liquid. Add mixture to greens; cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until thickened. Stir in the reserved bacon. 6 servings.

SOUTHERN CORNBREAD
2 cups self-rising cornmeal
1 egg, beaten
1/4 cup shortening, melted
1-1/2 cups buttermilk

Combine all ingredients; stir well. Grease an 8-inch-square baking pan; heat in a 450 degree oven for 3-5 minutes or until very hot. Immediately fill with cornmeal mixture; bake at 450 for 25-30 minutes. 9 servings.

CHOCOLATE PECAN PIE

2 (9") squares unsweetened chocolate
1/4 cup coffee
2 Tbsp. butter or margarine
4 eggs
1 cup light corn syrup
1/2 cup sugar
1-1/2 cups chopped pecans
1 unbaked 9-inch pastry shell
6-8 pecan halves

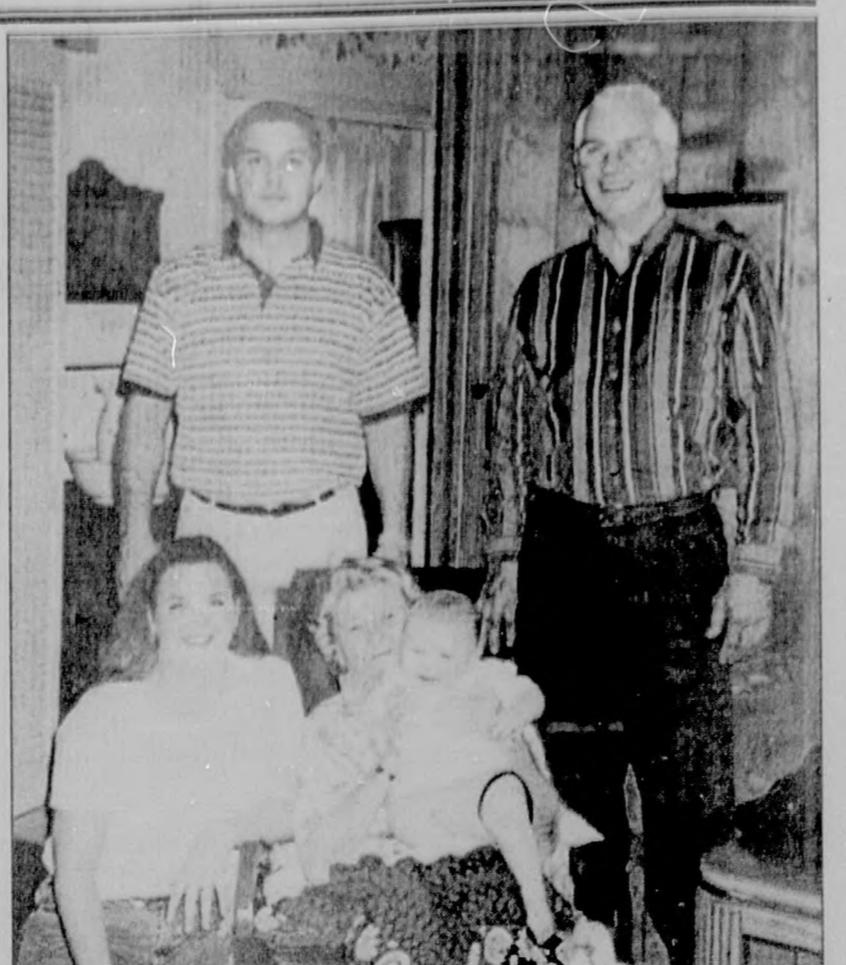
Combine chocolate and coffee in a medium saucepan; cook over low heat, stirring constantly until chocolate melts. Remove from heat, add butter. Stir until butter melts; cool.

Combine eggs, syrup, and sugar, beat until light and fluffy. Gradually stir into chocolate; stir in pecans. Pour into pastry shell; garnish with pecan halves. Bake at 375 for 40-45 minutes or until filling is set.

BLACKEYED PEAS WITH RICE

2 slices bacon
1 (15 oz.) can blackeyed peas, drained
1 (14-1/2 oz.) can stewed tomatoes, undrained
1 cup cooked regular rice
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper

Cook bacon in a large skillet until crisp; remove bacon, reserving 2 tablespoons drippings in skillet. Crumble bacon and set aside. Sauté peas in drippings until tender. Add remaining ingredients, stirring well. Spoon mixture into a 1-1/2 qt. casserole. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes. Garnish with reserved bacon. 6 servings.



FIVE GENERATIONS CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING ... Five generations of the Lewis family enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday together at the home of Keith Lewis in Elba. Pictured are (seated): Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Lewis, wife of the late John K. Lewis; (standing, right) Kayo Lewis, son of Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Lewis; (standing, left): Keith Lewis, son of Kayo and Jessie Lewis; (kneeling, left): Marsha Free, daughter of Keith and Lyn Lewis; and (being held): B.J. Free, son of Brian and Marsha Free.

Pictured (l-r): Mrs. Randal Sasser, Ms. Sarah Richards, Mrs. Randy Sasser; Amy Sasser, honoree; Mrs. Jimmy Martin, Mrs. Lamar Vaughan, Mrs. James Martin

Miss Amy Lee Sasser honored with miscellaneous bridal shower

Miss Amy Lee Sasser, bride-elect of William Clayton Martin, was honored Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12, with a miscellaneous shower at Amy's Bed and Breakfast in Elba. Guests were greeted in the foyer by Mrs. Bevvy Earl Coppage and received by the honoree, Miss Sasser. Mrs. Randy Sasser, Mrs. Randal Sasser, Ms. Sarah Richards, Mrs. Jimmy Martin, Mrs. James (Martha) Martin, and Mrs. Lamar Vaughan, and were directed to the registry table which held the bride's book. Guests were then invited into the dining room where they were served party dainties by Miss Cassidy Sasser and Miss Devil Kilecease.

The living and bedrooms were beautifully decorated in various Christmas themes, and guests were invited to view the lovely gifts for the couple displayed in these rooms.

Hostesses for the occasion were

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The Alabama Department of Archives to be closed for several days

The Alabama Dept. of Archives and History Reference Room will be closed Jan. 4 - 8, 1999, to allow staff to inventory collections. The museum and other offices will

remain open during this time.

Archives closed for state holidays Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1999, open Jan. 3, 1999.

Regular hours resume Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999.

For more information call 334/242-4363, Ext. 270.

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Ensemble Plays For DKG

by Angie Lane

Saturday December 12, 1998, eight Zion Chapel High School band members played for the Christmas meeting of the Psi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Delta Kappa Gamma is a society for educators. The meeting was held at the central office of the Coffee County Board of Education in Elba.

The band members who performed were Angie Laney, Morgan Hodge, Stacey Capo, Chasity Weid, Mandy Weed, Sarah Maddox, Christina Shuman, and

Heather Halsey, a senior at Zion Chapel High School entered the Coffee County Best Recipe Contest. She prepared Swiss Steak. Heather's dish won first place and will be entered in the state competition on March 3, 1999.

Her award-winning recipe is given below.

SWISS STEAK

1 pound boneless beef round steak, cut 3/4 inch thick
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon cooking oil
1 16-ounce can tomatoes, cut up
1 small onion, sliced and separated into rings
1/2 cup sliced celery
1/2 cup sliced carrot
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme, crushed
3 cups hot cooked rice

Trim fat from meat. Cut into 4 serving-size pieces. Combine the flour, salt, and pepper. With the notched side of a meat mallet, pound flour mixture into meat.

In a large skillet brown meat on both sides in hot oil. Drain off fat. Transfer meat into a 2-quart square baking dish. In the same skillet, combine celery, carrot, and thyme. Bring to boiling, scraping up any brown bits. Pour over meat. Cover and bake in a 350-degree oven about 1 hour until tender. Serve with rice.

Garnish with cherry tomatoes, curly leaf lettuce, and cilantro. Then sprinkle with parsley flakes.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

by Alisha Walker

The concert band performed a Christmas concert recently. It was free admission for anyone who wanted to attend and was held in the high school auditorium.

The band opened with "Dedication Fanfare," a piece written by Mr. Watson, the band director. They then played a variety of Christmas carols, including "Angels, We Have Heard On High," "The First Noel," "The Nut Cracker," "Silent Night," and "Greensleeves."

One of the band's favorites they saved for last: It's a song from the movie, "The Grinch That Stole Christmas" entitled "You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch."

DECEMBER FFA MEETING

by Cristy Houston

The ZC Chapter of the FFA held its monthly meeting on Dec. 10, 1998, in the high school auditorium. President Angie Laney was the presiding officer.

Opening Ceremonies began at 10 a.m. Wes Bragg then came forward

and discussed the Christmas party that was held after school Friday, Dec. 18.

The discussion was then moved to who was eligible for priority awards and greenhand, chapter, and state degrees. Cristy Houston and Angie Laney then conducted a survey of when team members would be able to practice for contests. Ryan Everett gave an update on the float sales. The chapter sold over \$10,000 worth of tickets.

A scholarship information has arrived and anyone who thinks they may be eligible needs to see Mr. McCall.

The big buck contest was the next thing on the agenda. Anyone interested should sign up in the Ag room. The entry fee is \$5.

After all the business was dis-

cussed members participated in rubber band relay, Volkswagen team-work, and skin the snake. Closing ceremonies were at 10:55 a.m.

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Year-Olds Must Register With Selective Service

by John Arnold

Federal law requires all men to register with the Selective Service within 30 days of turning 18.

Almost 1.8 million men are required to register with the Selective Service each year. Although late registrations are accepted, a man cannot register after the age of 26. Failure to register is a felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000 and/or five years in jail.

Registration is linked to various federal and state benefits; for example, a man must register in order to get federal student loans and Pell grants, job training programs under the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), and federal jobs in the executive branch of the government, even jobs with the U.S. Postal Service. Male immigrants who fall to register as required cannot obtain citizenship.

A person can register at a nearby post office, through the mail, or on the Internet.

On the Internet, the web site is www.sss.gov. Register by clicking on the "Register On-Line Now" icon. Within 30 seconds you will get a number and in about two weeks you will get an acknowledgement card in the mail.

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FFA BIG BUCK CONTEST

by Cristy Houston

A big buck contest is underway, sponsored by the Zion Chapel Chapter of FFA.

The cost to participate is \$5 which must be turned before a person must bring in the rack as well as the skin.

All entries will be scored by the following: 1) all measurements are taken to the nearest 1/8 of an inch, 2) from the inside spread of the rack at its widest point, 3) from the right antler beam from the outside of the burr along the outer curve of the beam to the tip as well as the left antler, 4) from each tip on the right and left beam along its outside from where it joins the beam to the tip.

Z.C. vs. NEW BROCKTON-JR. VARSITY BOYS

The Zion Chapel Rebels lost to the New Brockton Gamecocks 55-44. Josh Grantham led the Rebels with 17 points, while Chan Grantham added 13. Justin Law had 4 points. Bo Adkison and Jones had 3 points each. Josh Faircloth and John Arnold both had 2 points for the Rebels. The Rebels were 13-17 from the free-thrown line and committed 20 team fouls.

Z.C. vs. NEW BROCKTON-JR. VARSITY BOYS

The Zion Chapel Jr. Varsity rebels remain undefeated with a victory over the New Brockton Gamecocks 56-23. Marcus Taylor led the Rebels with 17 points. Wes Bragg followed with 16 points. Josh McWaters had 8 points. Randall Brunson had 5. Justin Prescott and Johnny Grantham each had 4 points. Levern Wheeler added 2 points. The Rebels were 7-8 from the free-thrown line and committed 12 team fouls.

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SPORTS

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

Melanie would have been disappointed in years past if she didn't have a lot of toys under the tree on Christmas morning; however, last week she seemed very much satisfied with just a few toys and a lot of clothes. Melanie has already discovered the labels of certain clothes mean more than others, and I guess Mom and Dad must have told Santa the right labels, because she was pleased with everything she got. Big sister wasn't shut out, but Melanie had to wait a few days later to get a chance to pick out her own clothes. There is no way we would ever have attempted to pick out her clothes, especially since it takes hours to decide for herself. Oh well, it's a merry Christmas and we at the Mularz house wish you a very Happy New Year!

CLEANING OFF THE DESK....

***The Elba Tigers brought home their second tournament championship of the season last week when they posted two lopsided wins to claim top prize in the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament. The Tigers stumbled a little in both games, but let their defense take charge in both wins as it has throughout the season. The Tigers are in another tournament this week in Red Level; and if they could bring home another first place trophy it would get the Tigers even more excited about their team. One player that was probably overlooked in the tourney was Derrick Duncan. Duncan, a senior, scored a total of 19 points in the two games and was a spark the Tigers' usually needed early in the win over Ariton. Duncan's play should help the Tigers do the line as they begin with another opponent, and will be forced to go to their bench for quality minutes off the bench. Hey, the season is still young, but Elba's 10-3 record even has me looking forward to the rest of the season.

***The Elba Lady Tigers claimed second place honors in the Z.C. tournament to move their record for the season to 6-6. The Lady Tigers staged a late rally in the opening round to get past a very talented W.S. Neal team, but then stumbled in the final and fell to the Ariton Lady Cats. Elba's girls have improved in each and every game this season, and if they remain dedicated should have a real chance at posting a winning record. Keep the faith, girls, you are a good team!

***The New Brockton Gamecocks claimed third place in the Andalusia Christmas Tournament, and could easily have won the entire thing if they had gotten a few breaks. The Gamecocks have turned into a very good basketball team already and may just be the surprise team of the area. Look out, this team is very talented and should have a lot of wins coming real soon.

***The University of South Alabama is looking into starting a football program in the next couple of years, and those folks down in Mobile aren't talking about waiting several years to play a major college schedule. The officials down in Mobile have figured out that it will cost around \$3.4 million. The Jaguars would play their home games at Ladd Stadium, and with a little luck could be competitive in a very short time. One sportswriter in Mobile suggested that Blount should just represent South Alabama, and while that is only a tongue-in-cheek suggestion, it might not be that bad a thought. Only time will tell....

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Rip W.S. Neal and Ariton

Tigers win Zion Chapel tournament

The Elba Tigers competed in the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament last week and claimed two lopsided wins to claim the tournament championship and improve their record for the season to 10-3.

The Tigers opened the four-team event against the 4A W.S. Neal Eagles, and led by a 60-40 win, then beat the 2A Ariton Purple Cats in the finals and claimed a big 58-33 win to take home the top prize.

Following are highlights of both tournament victories:

ELBA 60

The Elba Tigers opened the tournament against the W.S. Neal Eagles, from East Brewton, and used a third quarter surge to take command en route to a 60-40 win.

The Tigers fell behind 5-3 early in the game, but rode the inside strength of Tim Ware and Wayne Reed to score 12 unanswered points to grab a 15-5 advantage early in the second stanza.

Ware and Reed combined for six points during the run, which was sparked by a Reed dunk with 1:49 left in the quarter that put Elba on top 11-5.

The Tigers took their biggest lead of the half at 27-14 with 29 left in the game, and Ware followed up with three free-throws by O'Shay Hammond, but at the half saw their advantage shrink to 27-18 as W.S. Neal scored the final four points of the quarter.

The Tigers came out determined to take command in the third quarter, and sparked by eight straight points by Tim Ware, outscored the Eagles 14-2 to open up a 39-21 lead with 4:27 remaining in the stanza.

The Tigers had a 50-29 lead at the end of the third quarter, but Ware followed up with three free-throws by O'Shay Hammond, but at the half saw their advantage shrink to 27-18 as W.S. Neal scored the final four points of the quarter.

The Tigers went on a 7-0 run to grab a 25-12 advantage with 4:33 left in the half after a basket by Derrick Duncan. The 'Cats again refused to let the Tigers get away, and closed the half with a 6-2 run to pull within 27-28 at intermission.

Arton was determined it could play with the highly-ranked Tigers as the second half opened, and the Purple Cats stunned Elba by closing to within 35-30 with 2:44 remaining in the stanza.

A last-second basket by Derrick Duncan upped the Tigers lead to 37-30 entering the fourth quarter, and in the final stanza the Tigers put on a

slight defensive effort as they caused countless turnovers and converted the turnovers into easy points to blow the game open.

The Purple Cats scored the first point of the quarter at the free-throw line with 2:34 remaining in the stanza; however, the Purple Cats refused to score again until the Tigers had opened up a 48-31 advantage, and then added only one bucket the remainder of the game as Elba ran away and posted the lopsided 58-33 win.

Tim Ware scored 18 points to lead Elba, while Dwan Ingram led W.S. Neal with 12 points.

ELBA 13 14 19 14 - 60

W.S. NEAL 5 13 7 15 - 40

ELBA 60: Jordan 6, Hodges 3, Duncan 7, Murdock 6, Lawford 1, Reed 6, Hammond 7, Wicker 6, Ware 18.

W.S. NEAL 40: Ingram 12, Cook 7, Frazier 2, Paul 2, Sims 2, Patton 5, Murphy 5, Woodson 1, Parr 4.

ELBA 58

ARITON 33

The Elba Tigers outscored the Purple Cats 23-3 over the final eight and one-half minutes of the game to claim the tournament championship with a commanding 58-33 romp past the outmanned 'Cats.

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ELBA (58): Jordan 14, Duncan 12, Murdock 4, Reed 8, Wicker 2, Ware 18.

ARITON (33): Crenshaw 6, Boswell 16, Senn 6, Smith 5.

The two teams swapped baskets

The Tiger reserves came in during the half with a 25-22 lead. Zion

Chapel began to cool off from the floor in the third quarter as the Purple Cats closed to within 36-35, and then watched in the fourth quarter as Arton rallied late to post the 47-44 win.

Arton Jones scored 15 points and Josh Grantham added 10 to lead Zion Chapel, while Chris Boswell added 12 points.

Following are highlights of both tournament games:

ARITON 47

ZION CHAPEL 44

The Arton Purple Cats staged a second half rally to pull off a 47-44 upset win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, in opening round action.

The Rebels appeared to be in complete command in the opening stanza and opened up a 12-6 lead in the second quarter, and held on in the

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ARITON 54

ZION CHAPEL 39

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind early and never caught up as they fell to the Arton Lady Cats 54-39, in opening round action.

The Lady Rebels managed to score only three points in the first quarter as Arton opened up a 12-3 advantage.

At the end of the half, the Lady Rebels found themselves on the short end of a 26-12 score.

Zion Chapel matched Arton basket for basket in the final two quarters, but never challenged and took the loss 54-39.

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W.S. NEAL 63

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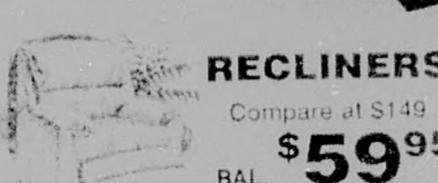
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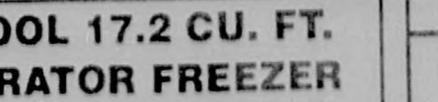
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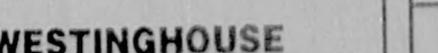
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